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List of Officers 1919.

Pres. T. F. Cherry, Rocky Mt., N. C.
Vice Pres. Edie Cullipher, Merry Hill, N. C.
Secty-Treas. and B. A., J. C. Bain, Wade, N. C.
Lecturer J. H. Evans, Hillsboro, N. C.
Chaplin H. M. Cates, Graham, N. C.
Steward H. H. Thompson, Hillsboro, N. C.
Door Keeper R. H. Lane, Greensboro, N. C.
Trustee B. A., H. E. Thompson, Stantonsburg, N. C.,
Ex-Co. John A. Davis, P. C. Caldwell, C. F. Cates, W. L.
Baker, T. J. Oldham.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-Third Annual Session of the North Carolina Farmers State Alliance convened at "Headquarters" near Hillsboro, N. C., on August 12th and 13th, 1919, and was called to order by Pres. T. F. Cherry promptly at 12 o'clock M.

The Alliance was then opened in Rithualistic due form after which the President declared this the Thirty Third annual session of this body open and ready for business, and appoint-

ed Brethren H. E. Thompson, J. L. Cherry, J. D. Evans, Com. on credentials. Recess was then taken until 2 o'clock, P. M. for Dinner.

Afternoon Session.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the President called the Alliance to order. The Secty. called the roll of counties and the following delegates responded:

Alamance—C. F. Cates, Mebane, N. C.
 Bertie—J. D. Evans, Windsor, N. C., R. F. D.
 Cumberland—T. E. Geddie, Hinton Crumpler, Fayetteville, N. C., R.F.D. 1.,
 Edgecombe—J. L. Cherry, Hobgood, N. C.
 Guilford—G. T. Lane, Greensboro, N. C.
 Johnson—L. L. Creech, Kenly, N. C.
 Sampson—
 Lenoir—
 Wayne—P. C. Caldwell, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Wilson—J. A. McKeel, Stantonsburg, N. C.
 Orange—J. R. Sykes, Mebane, N. C., R. D.
 Rowan—

The Committee on credentials reported all counties as recorded above entitled to seats. The President then appointed the following committees:

Constitution, Edie Cullipher, J. D. Evans, G. T. Lane.
 Good of Order, J. A. McKeel, Hinton Crumpler, E. Cullipher.
 Lecturing, J. L. Cherry, J. R. Sykes, J. H. Evans.
 State Business Agency, J. D. Evans, G. T. Lane, L. L. Creech.

Resolutions, H. E. Thompson, T. E. Geddie, J. L. Cherry.
 Memorial, T. J. Oldham, J. A. Davis, J. H. Evans.

Presidents Address.

The President delivered his annual address as follows:

Brethren of Farmers' Alliance:

Providence has permitted us to meet in our 33rd annual meeting. It is with joy mingled with sadness that I greet you, joy because the war has ended and peace declared—sad because of the boys who did not come back from the war, so also for the turmoil and unsettled conditions of our country—labor strikes and unfavorable crop conditions.

Since last we met we have passed through a fearful epidemic which cost us more in loss of life than the war, still we have much for which to be thankful. Through it all the farmers have been patriotic and faithful to their country. They stood by the government in the dark hours, sending their boys to the front, buying Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, and contributing liberally to the United War campaign funds, besides feeding the world.

We deplore the race riots and lawlessness that have broken out in many places in our country. We should strictly observe the law for therein lies our safety and we should uphold the hands of officers and help maintain law and order, or else we will find ourselves in the chaotic condition of Russia, with work unprovided and hunger staring us in the face. We should insist upon having honest and clean officials in all positions—those who will enforce the law without favor to any organization.

We believe in thorough organization, all trades and professions are organized and are demanding and getting their rights except the farmers. We regret that war conditions and influenza kept our lecturer from going into the field, but since we have passed through this ordeal and the way now seems open, and we hope this meeting will take steps to send our lecturer out to reorganize our Alliance in every township where there is not some farmers' organization.

Education.

Intelligence and knowledge are the bulwark of any people. In all communities there are a few who lead, and it is because

of education. Education means more now than ever before as competition grows sharper. The rural districts should be given just as good schools as the cities and towns and we should support the measures that will give our children better educational advantages. Since so many of our boys and girls get no higher than the 7th grade, we believe more stress should be put upon the three "R's," which in our opinion seems to be sadly neglected these days. We should cooperate with our educational officials and they in turn should respect the patrons, for we yet believe that parents' interest in and love for their children is greater than that of the officials.

Good Roads.

Good roads are great promoters of education, making it possible for the children to go to school in bad as well as good weather. They shorten distance and increase the pleasures of county life. Motor cars are used more than even before for transportation. We should take advantage of every opportunity to put good roads throughout the community and have roads as near us as possible.

Guano.

The government has furnished the farmers soda for two years now at a great saving in cost and the farmers should ask for it again. The guano factories and guano dealers have charged exorbitant and profiteering prices as never before. The government should take a hand and stop this if the farmers are to continue to feed the world.

Immigration.

The time has arrived when immigration should cease and let our descendants develop our country. Our motto should be "America for Americans."

High Cost of Living.

The dead-line has been crossed. More people live in cities and towns than do in the rural districts if statistics are to be relied upon. There are more non-producers than producers—too many "leaches." These things cause scarcity of food. The demand is greater than the supply, therefore the food situation is critical.

It is not so much the high cost of living as it is the cost of high living. Everybody wants the best and must have it. Now is the best time ever for the genuine farmer to make money and save it, as everything raised on the farm is selling for good prices. The conservation of our resources was a war exigency. We must now recognize that it is also a peace necessity. The individual citizen has never carried such burdens as he will be compelled to shoulder in the coming years. Production is the only possible remedy and every possible interference by strikes or otherwise will make it more difficult for people of small means to get staple goods.

Land Speculation.

The prices of land has been forced so high by land speculation that it is impossible for a man with small means to buy a home, therefore land speculation should be stopped.

Child Labor.

If child labor laws are good for factories and other institutions, it should also be applied to farm work. Children under certain ages should be in school instead of working on the farms, and if this law was applied to farms, as well as to factories, cotton and tobacco would always bring a living price. Let us build up rather than pull down. Beautify rather than neglect.

Let us as farmers pull together and give all a living chance

T. F. CHERRY,

Rocky Mount, N. C.

Carried by the Alliance that Pres , address be received and adopted and the Secretary ordered to send same to the co-operator of Wilson, N. C., for Publication, requesting all State papers friendly to our cause to copy. The vice President Bro. Cullipher was called on by Pres. for report, who responded stating he could only speak for his own county as he had visited no alliance of other counties, that they were moving along with the alliance work harmoniously, and their membership holding up well in number considering the Influenza epidemic and so many of their boys away from home in the war, during the year.

Report of Secty-Treas. and State Business Agent.

To the officers and members of the Farmers Alliance of N. C.:

Dear Brethren, I know you have all often heard the expression "The Farmers will not stick." Well, here we are in our thirty-third (33rd) annual session of the Farmers Alliance of N. C. We have "stuck" for one third of a century, and are going to "stick" right on and on. I am glad to report to you that according to fees and dues that have come into my hands, there is only a very slight falling off of membership of our order during the year. I feel we should be very much encouraged with our condition, considering the great epidemic of "Flu" last winter, so many of our boys away from home in the war, and the general unsettled condition of our country during the year. And again we have not a single days lecture work done since we last met. I am glad I can report our financial condition better than one year ago. My books and papers in the hands of your Ex-Committee, who will report to you their findings.

Resp. Submitted J. C. Bain, Secty-Treas. & B. A.

The Lecturer arrived later in the afternoon and made a report stating he had not spent a single day in the lecture field—that during the most convenient season for lecture work among the Farmers the "Flu" was then raging in its most intense form, and he did not feel it safe for him and the alliance brethren to engage in meetings.

An informal session was then engaged in. Brethren J. A. Davis, T. J. Oldham and a number of other Brethren made speeches refeering to the good the Farmers Alliance had done during the past and the possibillities for it in the future for good to the Farmer. Altogether the session proved pleasant and instructive to the Brethren.

Executive Committee's Report.

Aug. 12, 1919.

To the members of the N. C. State Alliance:

Brethren:

Your Exec. Committee herewith begs leave to submit the following report: During the month of May, Bro. Bain Secty.-

Treas. and State Business Agt. at the instance of his county meeting submitted to me to change the place of meeting of the present session, from our Headquarters to the city of Raleigh, N. C. Upon the receipt of his letter I submitted his proposition to the other members of the Committee, I received very promptly from two members of the Committee a reply opposing the change. I waited several weeks for a response from the other two—and failing to hear from them, as Chairman of your Committee I cast the decisive vote opposing the change and so notified Bro. Bain of the decision. In a few days thereafter I received a response from the two, one in favor and the other neutral. Also I received a request that in as much as the Union had employed council to assist the State Atty. General in prosecuting the constitutionality of the Warehouse Act passed at the last session of the last Legislature, the same was unanimously opposed by the entire Committee.

We have examined the Books of the Secty-Treas. and S.B.A. and submit as follows:

As Secty-Treas.

J. C. Bain S. B. A.

Receipts.

Bonds on hand.....	\$500.00
Cash on hand.....	\$ 84.16
Interest on Bond.....	\$ 10.00
Profit from Sales 1918-1919.....	<u>\$ 65.01</u>
Total.....	\$659.17

Disbursements.

Traveling Expense.....	\$1.48
Interest	\$2.50
Total.....	\$3.98
Total Receipts.....	\$659.17
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 3.98
Balance on hand...	\$655.19

As State Business Agt. Purchases for the entire year, \$3433.09— with balance of statement herewith attached, to-wit:

Consisting of Bonds \$500.00, Cash \$115.19.

Total Sales for the year ending Aug. 1st 1919.... \$3433.09

No account due either to or from as B. A.

J. C. Bain, Secretary and Treasurer.

Cash on hand from receipts 1917-1918.....\$ 84.18

Fees and dues.....\$102.20

Cash from Trustee.....\$ 91.90

Cash from V. C. C. Co.....\$215.65

Rent from J. H. Evans.....\$150.00

Sale of Rithuals.....\$.60

Total.....\$644.53

Disbursements.

Postage.....\$ 10.55

Officers Expense State Meeting 1918.....\$ 99.58

Taxes.....\$ 63.95

Printing Minutes.....\$ 22.50

Printing Envelopes.....\$ 2.84

Premium on Bond of Trustee.....\$ 17.50

Entertainment of State Meeting.....\$148.50

Repair on Chimney\$ 3.75

Traveling Expense to Bertie Co.....\$ 9.95

Pencils.....\$.10

Total.....\$379.22

With balance of statement herewith attached to-wit:

Aggregate.....\$644.53

Less Disbursements.....\$379.22

And in conclusion submit the Trustees Report as follows:

Cash on hand.....\$265.31

Cash as S.B.A.,.....\$155.19

Total Cash.....\$420.40

Bond.....\$500.00

Total.....\$920.40

Less Salary Secty-Treas. & B.A.....\$200.00

Balance.....\$720.40

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. Davis, for the Committee.

Brethren:

I herewith submit my report as Trustee of the Business Agency Fund as follows:

Aug. 1, 1918, Balance on hand including N. C. 4 percent Bonds	6755.65
Aug. 22, Pd. H. E. Thompson.....	14.50
Aug. 24, Pd. J. A. Davis.....	16.70
Aug. 30, Pd. S. J. McLaurin.....	13.55
Sept. 15, H. E. Thompson salary to Dec. 1, 1900.00	
Sept. 19, Received from H. E. Thompson for Evans Mule	100.00
Oct. 10, H. E. Thompson Ex. to Pinetops...5.00	
Oct. 10, C. E. Johnson Ins. Premium...14 00	
Oct. 12, Pd. for Liberty Bond.....	100.00
Oct. 12, J. C. Bain.....	91.90
Jan. 1, Int. on Bonds.....	130.00
Jan. 17, L. C. Darden Safety box rent...3.00	
March 20, C. E. Johnson Ins. Premium....24.00	
July 1, on Bonds.....	130.00
Aug. 1, 1919, Balance N. C. Bonds....	6500.00
Aug. 1, Cash in Bank.....	233.00
	7115.65 7115.65

Respectfully Submitted,
H. E. Thompson, Trustee.

The following Resolution was reported from the Committee and carried as follows:

To the Farmers State Alliance in session this Aug. 12, 1919:

We, your Committee on Lecturing beg leave to submit the following recommendation. That owing to our financial condition we are not in a position to pay a competent man that the times demand to go in the field to do the work that is so much needed, and we recommend that every Alliance man do his whole duty at build up our order. And we further recommend that any county needing the service of a special Lectur-

er pay the Expense of said Lecturer.

J. L. Cherry

J. R. Sykes Committee.

J. H. Evans.

Resolution "A" from Bertie Co. Farmers Alliance received and passed and is as follows:

Resolved that we the Bertie Co. Alliance in session this June 10, 1919, recommend to the State Alliance that we either sell our property at Hillsboro, N. C., or repair the buildings and put them and the farm in good condition.

Carried that we elect our officers this evening at 9 o'clock instead of tomorrow morning which has been the custom of our State meetings.

Committee on Constitution reported as follows: That we your Committee recommend that no change be made in our constitution at this meeting. (Passed.)

Edie Cullipher, for Committee.

Committee on Business Agency reported as follows: That the B. Agency be continued as it has been conducted during the past year.

J. D. Evans, for Committee.

Committee on Resolutions reported on Resolution "E" and the same passed as follows: We your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows. Whereas it has come to light that the Farmers Union has already a committee appointed to investigate the Text Book question in the State with the view of remedying the evil conditions now existing. Therefore be it resolved that the N. C. Farmers State Alliance heartily endorse the stand taken by the Union on this vital question, and pledge them our legal support.

H. E. Thompson, J. L. Cherry, T. E. Geddie, Com.
Adjournment was then taken for supper.

Evening Session.

Bro. C. F. Cates reported for the Sales Committee of Headquarters property appointed at last State meeting about as

follows: That the Moose Order desired to buy our property for an aged and infirm Home for their Order and had presented bids. Also the colored Odd Fellows Order had been making enquiry as to prices etc. and it seemed probable they would make bids on the property, but nothing definite had been done as yet by Committee to sell.

The following Resolution was presented by Bro. J. L. Cherry and passed, That the President appoint a committee of three as a Sales Committee for the ensuing year, who shall have the power to sell our Headquarters property, with instructions to sell the same at a fair price. Whereupon the President appointed the following persons as Sales Committee:

C. F. Cates, Mebane, N. C.

J. L. Cherry, Hobgood, N. C.

H. E. Thompson, Stantonsburg, N. C.

A standing vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies for their presence at this evening's session.

Election of Officers.

Bro T. F. Cherry was placed in nomination by Bro. H. E. Thompson for Pres. and he was unanimously elected.

Bro. Edie Cullipher was placed in nomination by Bro. J. A. Davis for Vice Pres. and was unanimously elected.

Bro. J. C. Bain was placed in nomination by Bro. W. L. Baker for Secty-Treas. & B. A. and was unanimously elected.

Bro. J. H. Evans was placed in nomination by Bro. J. D. Evans for Lecturer and was unanimously elected.

Bro. H. M. Cates was placed in nomination by J. C. Bain for Chaplain and was unanimously elected.

Bro. H. H. Thompson for Stewart and G. T. Lane for D.K. were placed in nomination by Bro. J. L. Cherry and they were unanimously elected.

Bro. John A. Davis was placed in nomination by Bro. H. E. Thompson for Ex-Committeeman for five years and was unanimously elected.

Adjournment was made until 7:30 o'clock A. M. Wednesday 13th.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Committee on Memorial reported as follows:

To the North Carolina Farmers State Alliance in its 33rd Annual Session:

Your Memorial Committee beg leave to submit the following report: To the death roll of this grand old order we find during the last year, we have to add to our list from Orange Co. the names of Graham Minnis and Thomas Thompson Jones; from Alamance Co. the name of Joe Holt; from Johnson Co. Bennett Wall and T. Crumpler; from Rowan Co. Paul M. Phillips. So far as we know these all fell with the full alliance armor upon them. For thirty years they tried to live its principles and teach its doctrine. May sweet peace be upon their ashes, and may we beg that as they one by one gave up and were transformed into a new home that they receive that welcome pandil—"Well done thou good and faithful servant enter into the joyss of our Lord" Resp. submitted,

T. J. Oldham,

J. A. Davis,

J. H. Evans,

Committee.

The President duly installed Brethren H. M. Cates as Chaplain for the ensuing year and J. H. Evans Lecturer.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered as follows: The thanks of this State Alliance is hereby tendered to our dear Bro. J. H. Evans and his good wife and family for their hospitality and most excellent entertainment during this meeting.

There being no other business appearing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung, and the Alliance closed with a prayer by our worthy Chaplain.

T. F. Cherry, Pres.

J. C. Bain, Seety.





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